

exemplar of these unharmonious spirits is a certain editor-doctor known in Washington, who long ago set forth his unvarnished opinion of a lady's book.

It is truly an invidious task to pick the flaws in the work of estimable gentlemen with whom one has no quarrel, yet the pursuit of science compels one to seek the exact truth, and having approximated it, it should be set forth plainly and without tender leanings toward one's own little foibles or toward the weaker brethren's limitations.

We miss in our entomological magazines the stout swash-buckler, who made no bones of smashing, and sometimes in not too urbane language, the pretty little conceits of his fellows. We are become buggish mollycoddles. We see the other fellow fail to follow the light, and we shrug our shoulders and pass by—perhaps not without some tropistic anticipation that he may fall into the nearest pit. But we haven't the hardihood to push him in; or to stop him forthright in his career. We are too refined.

But we should be ever ready to enlighten, and to correct, and if necessary, to discipline, those who transgress, who fall from entomological grace, so to speak.

In fact, we should do justice though the heavens fall.

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#### NEW NAME FOR NEMOSOMA PUNCTULATA.

I wish to substitute the name of *Nemosoma punctulata* Van Dyke, for *Nemosoma punctatum* Van Dyke, described in BULL. BROOK. ENT. SOC., Vol. XI, p. 71 (1916), because *punctatum* is preoccupied, having been used by Leveille in Anns. Soc. Ent. Fr., vol. X, 1888, p. 411 (appeared 1889), for a Brazilian species.

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